# Instructions for Completing and Returning an Absentee Ballot

Start: Read All Directions



Read these instructions carefully.

If the ballot allows you to cast **ONE** vote for a candidate or issue, fill in only one oval.

If the ballot allows you to cast **MULTIPLE** votes for a particular race, you may fill in the maximum number of ovals allowed by the directions.

2 Mark the Ballot Correctly

State Senate 1 (VOTE FOR 1)		
THOMAS JEFFERSON	CORRECT	
ABRAHAM LINCOLN	O	
State Senate 1 (VOTE FOR 1)		
THOMAS JEFFERSON	₩ .	
ABRAHAM LINCOLN	INCORRECT	

To vote, use dark colored ink or pencil (do not use red colors) to **COMPLETELY** fill in the oval to the right of the candidate of your choice.

Make sure you completely fill in the oval as illustrated.

How to Write-In a Candidate

Representative District 1 (VOTE FOR 1)		
Write-in	Tohn Adams	•
GEORGE W	ASHINGTON	

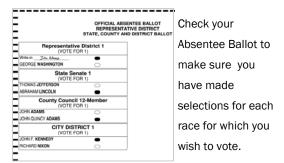
If you wish to write in a candidate, find the blank line provided for "Write-In."

Fill in the oval to the right of the blank line.

Clearly write the name of the person for whom you want to write-in on the blank line.

No Write-In votes are permitted in Primary Elections.

4 Review Your Ballot



If you have questions about voting the ballot or if you need a replacement ballot, contact the Department of Elections in the county in which you live.

5 Prepare Your Envelope



Once you are satisfied your ballot is complete, fold it and put it into the BALLOT ENVELOPE.

Read the oath on the BALLOT ENVELOPE and sign in the space provided.

Seal the BALLOT ENVELOPE.

6 Return Your Envelope



Mail your sealed BALLOT ENVELOPE or deliver it to the Department of Elections in the county in which you live.

First-class postage is on the BALLOT ENVELOPE for envelopes mailed within the U.S.

NOTE: If you are a mailing via a foreign postal system, please put the appropriate foreign postage on the BALLOT ENVELOPE.

For more information, go to www.state.de.us/doe\_ncc/absentee\_de/index.shtml

## **Absentee Voting Checklist**

- ☑ Read the directions.
- ☑ Mark your ballot correctly.
- ☑ Review your ballot.
- ☑ Put your voted ballot into the ballot envelope.
- ☑ Mail or return the ballot envelope to the department of elections for your county.

## ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

- ☑ Make sure to sign the Ballot Envelope.
- All Absentee Ballots must be received by the respective Department of Elections no later than 8 p.m. on the day of the election in order to be counted.
- ✓ Please return your voted ballot as soon as possible allowing time for mail, especially if it is being returned from outside the United States.

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